

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF MR. DON MASCH AFTER NEARLY 23 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH ATK AND VISTA OUTDOOR, INC.

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Mr. Don Masch after nearly 23 years of service with ATK and Vista Outdoor, Inc.

Don was born and raised in Waterbury, Connecticut and graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1966. After high school, he attended the University of Connecticut and graduated in 1970 with a degree in Political Science.

As a Distinguished Military Graduate, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Don served in a variety of command and staff positions in the United States and overseas, including assignments to Syria, Lebanon, Germany and Israel. He holds a Master of Arts in National Security Affairs from the United States Naval Postgraduate School, and is a graduate of the Defense Language Institute and Army Command and General Staff College. In the Pentagon, he served on the Army Staff and in the Secretary of the Army's Office of Legislative Liaison, retiring in 1993 as a Lieutenant Colonel.

Don Masch began his career in industry in February of 1993, initially with Short Brothers USA, joining ATK in 1994 as part of the corporation's government relations team. There he became a trusted lobbyist and advocate on a wide range of defense and aerospace policies and programs. He quickly earned a reputation as a reliable and effective spokesman in Washington, D.C., helping to establish ATK on Capitol Hill. His fact-based approach to issues and commitment to integrity made him indispensable to ATK and the people in Washington with whom he worked.

In addition to his role as head of Congressional Relations at ATK, Don served as the head of the Ethics Panel at the Association of Government Relations Professionals, President of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association, and in other association positions. He also was a guest speaker at numerous seminars and panels, including NDIA and Georgetown Law School.

When ATK acquired Orbital Sciences in 2015, he played a key role in the transition of both the Orbital ATK and the newly formed Vista Outdoor Government Relations teams, becoming Vista's Vice President for Government and Industry Relations. As head of Vista's federal affairs, Don has proven to be an effective advocate on conservation, sportsmen's issues and 2nd Amendment rights. He is well respected for both his knowledge and his consummate professionalism, with a warm sense of humor and strong work ethic.

As Don and his wife Karen head off to future endeavors and more time with their sons Don and Brian and five grandchildren, I congratulate him on his retirement and thank him for his diligent service to the country and to the defense and outdoor industries.

RECOGNIZING THE STATE CHAMPION BOWLER ZACH BOBBETT

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishment of Zach Bobbett of the Union Springs/Port Byron Bowling Team, who was part of the Section IV team in the New York State Public High School Association on March 5, 2017. The Section IV team defeated the Section III team by 228 pins to secure the title.

Zach Bobbett scored the second highest score of the tournament with 1,341 pins over six games.

I am honored to recognize the hard work displayed by Zach Bobbett and the rest of the Section IV team, their families, the coaching staff, and teachers. This is a historic win for Central New York and I am confident that the positive experiences from the 2017 season will yield continued success in both athletics and academics.

TRINITY AVERITT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Trinity Averitt for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Trinity Averitt is a student at Moore Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Trinity Averitt is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Trinity Averitt for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING FRED DOUGLAS MASON, JR.

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. CUMMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend a great American who has devoted more than five decades of his life to the continuing struggle of our nation's working families for greater opportunity, empowerment, and social justice.

On June 16, Fred Douglas Mason, Jr., who retired in April as President of the Maryland-District of Columbia AFL-CIO and its 384,000 members, will be honored at a dinner in his honor.

We would be remiss if we did not recognize the contributions and struggles of Fred Mason and all the other hard-working Americans who forge our steel, build our automobiles, care for our families in times of illness or injury, teach our children, and contribute their sweat and toil to enriching our lives in so many other ways.

Fred Mason's career, both on the assembly lines of Baltimore and as a union organizer and leader, exemplified the strong and resilient character of the Americans he served during the last 52 years.

Fred personally experienced the heartbreak that wreaked havoc on the economic and social order of our Greater Baltimore community—as Bethlehem Steel, General Motors, General Electric, Proctor and Gamble and other manufacturing corporations abandoned their Baltimore operations, leaving nearly 100,000 working families to reach deeply into their hearts, pull themselves together, and chart new courses for their lives.

Fred Mason also knew the empowering strength of education that provides needed skills and justifies a living wage, a health care plan and a secure retirement.

Throughout his career, he worked tirelessly to expand the job training and tuition assistance that has allowed so many of his brothers and sisters to build better lives.

From his earliest days as a student at Morgan State College (now University), Fred Mason also understood that an integrated America, both racially and socio-economically, is a stronger and more prosperous nation.

And although he will be laying down the gavel as President of the Maryland-DC AFL-CIO, I am confident that Fred Mason will carry on in the cause of universal civil and human rights.

I hold this conviction because, like Fred Mason, I, too, am a son of labor and a civil rights worker.

And like Fred Mason, we all must understand that the civil rights movement of our own time is not limited to issues of race or gender or freedom of conscience—as critically important as those struggles remain.

The civil rights movement of our time, Mr. Speaker, is also about whether parents can afford to feed and house their children—and provide those children with the education and health care that they need and deserve.

The choice is ours.

Will America once again become a nation of opportunity for everyone willing to work hard?

Or will hard-working Americans continue to be squeezed past the breaking point by policies, enacted from afar, that devalue our people, our economy and the nation that we love?

Mr. Speaker, this is the message that Fred Mason has lived and taught to others for more than five decades—and the same message that has become central to the national debates of our own time.

It was at Morgan State College that Fred first came to understand that organization matters and is critical to progress in our country in the area of Civil Rights.

At Bethlehem Steel and on the assembly lines of General Motors, Fred Mason came to realize that working people can become empowered if they organize.

Now, in retirement, Fred also knows that the struggle to organize America must continue.

He knows that political democracy in America is irrevocably linked to the expanded economic and social democracy that has carried so many closer to the American Dream.

And above all, Fred Mason has taught us that our struggle for the American Dream continues despite the attacks of recent years.

I have faith that dedicated, strong Americans like Fred Mason will always be there on the front lines.

And for all of these contributions, we should thank Fred Mason and his wonderful wife, Jennifer, and wish them well.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I congratulate Descent of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, located in Schererville, Indiana, as its congregation and church leaders join together to celebrate the church's 100th Anniversary. Reverend Father Holowaty and Subdeacon Daniel Coffman will be commemorating this momentous occasion with a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy and celebration on June 25, 2017, as well as additional memorial events throughout the church's anniversary year.

Descent of the Holy Spirit was founded 100 years ago when a small group of families were looking for a place to practice the Orthodox faith. In 1917, the original church was built in East Chicago, Indiana, and it was in this location that parishioners worshipped as a community for the next eighty years. In 1997, the current church, located in Schererville, was constructed. It is here that the congregation continues to gather together in celebration, praise, and faith. Descent of the Holy Spirit is part of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of the United States of America, led by His Grace, Right Reverend Bishop Gregory Tatsis, under the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, Patriarch Bartholomew.

Descent of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church continues to touch the lives of its parishioners and countless individuals through its compassionate service. The congregation is a close-knit, family-centered community where all people are welcome.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my distinguished colleagues to join me in honoring and congratulating Descent of the Holy Spirit Orthodox Church in Schererville, Indiana, on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary. For their commitment to service and to their faith, the church leaders and parishioners are worthy of the highest praise.

CONGRATULATIONS TO 3M IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate 3M on 50 years of innovation in Springfield, Missouri.

3M is a company filled with employees that have spent over 100 years in the United

States inventing and working each day to make the lives of others easier. Southwest Missouri is fortunate enough to have a 3M plant in Springfield, Missouri.

The 3M plant in Springfield is a vital part of the community. This plant employs many people that go to work each day and impact the lives of those not just in the local community, but all around the world.

I am honored to recognize 3M in Springfield and its dedication to not only southwest Missouri, but the many communities throughout the world. On behalf of Missouri's 7th Congressional District, I ask all of my colleagues to join me in wishing 3M in Springfield and all of its employees the best.

HONORING BILLIE PAUL BAILEY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a very special man, Mr. Billie Paul Bailey, of Bath County, Kentucky.

Mr. Bailey has always loved his country. He was honored to serve when drafted into the United States Army in 1952, during the Korean War. Following training at Camp Breckenridge, Mr. Bailey was deployed to Stuttgart, Germany where he served in the 29th Transportation Company. He was honorably discharged in 1954 and remained in the Reserves until 1960.

Mr. Bailey returned to Bath County following his service. He and his wife Emma Lea married in 1954. They have three children. Mr. Bailey operated a dairy and crop farm for 52 years. He has been described as a dedicated follower of Christ and a pillar in the community.

Mr. Bailey and his fellow men and women of the United States military answered the call to serve our great nation. America is forever grateful and appreciative of the service of Mr. Bailey and all our patriots. I am honored to recognize Mr. Billie Paul Bailey before the United States House of Representatives.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JULIA WHITLA CLINGER

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Julia Whitla Clinger, who passed away on November 22, 2016, at the age of 85. Judy, as she was known to her friends, was the wife of William F. Clinger, a distinguished former member of this body whom I was privileged to work for during his tenure as the Chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee in the mid-1990s.

Judy was born on February 3, 1931, in Sharon, Pennsylvania. Her early life was marked by tragedy—her father, a prominent lawyer in Sharon, died of pneumonia when she was just two years old. Judy graduated from Connecticut College with highest honors, Phi Beta Kappa, with a degree in English. In

1951, she married Bill, and spent the better part of the next 25 years in Warren, Pennsylvania, where they raised their four children and were active members of the community.

After Bill's election to Congress in 1978, Judy moved with him to Washington. Here, she was involved in a number of charitable and civic organizations, including the International Club of Washington and the Congressional Wives Task Force, where she served as Treasurer. Bill would be the first to tell you that Judy was his greatest political asset, actively participating in his nine successful congressional campaigns and playing an important behind-the-scenes role as he rose through the ranks on Capitol Hill to become a committee chairman.

Judy will be remembered by those who knew her for what one described as her "feisty elegance"—a combination of social grace and high-spiritedness that made it a pleasure to spend time with her. Judy's life will be celebrated over the upcoming Fourth of July holiday at a memorial service in the lakeside community of Chautauqua in upstate New York, where she and Bill first met and where they returned every summer.

Judy is survived by Bill, whom I had an opportunity to visit with recently, her children (Eleanor, Will, Jim, and Julia), and by seven grandchildren, to whom she was devoted.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the life of Judy Clinger, and extending our sincerest condolences to our former colleague, Bill Clinger, on the loss of his wife of 65 years.

YANIRA ALVARADO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Yanira Alvarado for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Yanira Alvarado is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Yanira Alvarado is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Yanira Alvarado for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

COMMEMORATING THE 28TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MASSACRE ON TIANANMEN SQUARE

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 28th anniversary of the massacre at Tiananmen Square.